



18th Century Sugar Axe.



270 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Description

This sugar axe, dating from the late 18th or early 19th century, may seem quite surprising to modern consumers, accustomed to sugar cubes neatly arranged in a box or to granulated sugar. Yet, until the invention of sugar cubes in 1873 by the Czech Jacob Kristof Rad (1799-1871), the sugar axe was an indispensable tool for housewives. Indeed, sugar in Europe was very often packaged in the form of a conical sugar loaf, invented by the Venetians in the 15th century. This compacted sugar was very hard, and a metal axe was necessary to break it off. This particular example measures approximately 29 centimeters, making it easy to handle. At its end are a curved blade for cutting large pieces and a hammer-shaped end for reducing the size of the resulting pieces. Good overall condition, with

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